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LAW DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

TO: Dr. W. Gannon

DATE: 14 March 1980

FROM: S. Hutcheson

SUBJECT: TIME SCHEDULE FOR FILING DELTA APPLICATION

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Attached is a proposed time schedule for filing the first Delta application. This schedule assumes that Ms. Gillis will spend the majority of her time on this project until April 14 or such time as an application is presented to the inventors for review. At the present time she has six PM cases on her docket (copy attached). Two of these cases, PM 904 and 913, are almost ready for filing and will not require her attention.

I would appreciate your permission to state that the Delta effort should take precedence over the other four disclosures presently on her docket, until the April 14 target date.

If the project progresses according to the proposed schedule, it may be necessary to file continuation-in-part (CIP) applications to update the original application. Analytical data and subjective smoking results should preferably be generated prior to filing the first application but could be included in the first CIP application if necessary. I know that Howard would prefer and, in fact, may insist that we have this data for the first filing. I hope to resolve this while Howard is here (March 18-19).

Please advise if I may give the direction as stated in paragraph 2.

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Attachments

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PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE FOR FILING DELTA APPLICATION

March 19	Briefing for T. Gillis of WLKT by the Delta Group.
March 20 - April 7	T. Gillis will assess the prior art* and rework the preliminary draft of Hutcheson; formal drawings should be ordered.
April 14	Application to inventors for review.
April 21	Application to Gillis for final revisions.
April 30	Application ready for execution and filing.

*Our collection of art at this point consists of three separate searches conducted or provided by Mr. Daley, Ms. Hutcheson and Mr. Kothe. The subjects were as follows: (1) hollow smoking devices - Daley; (2) extruded tobacco (PM Patent Data Base) - Hutcheson; and (3) rod forming means and methods -Kothe.

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